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SUBJECT: THIRD COMMITTEE--ITEM 12, HUMAN RIGHTS
(POLITICAL PRISONERS)

REF: (A) USUN 5699, (B) BAKER/MYERSON TELECON NOV 30,
(C) USUN 5732

1. SWEDISH THIRD COMMITTEE DELEGATE HELD AN INFORMAL MEETING NOV 30 OF WESTERN GROUP REPS TO DISCUSS TACTICS ON THE SWEDISH DRAFT RESOLUTION ON POLITICAL PRISONERS. THE SWEDE REPORTED THAT THE USSR AND BYELORUSSIAN SSR SUGGESTED THAT BOTH THE SWEDISH DRAFT RESOLUTION AND THE BYELORUSSIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION (THE LATTER CONTAINED IN A/C.3/31/L.37) SHOULD BE REFERRED WITHOUT A VOTE TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. THE SWEDES ARE NOT EAGER TO MAKE A DEAL WITH THE SOVIETS AND GIVE UP THEIR RESOLUTION SO EASILY. THE SWEDES ALSO REPORTED THAT THE CUBANS CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT BUT SO FAR HAVE NOT PRODUCED ANYTHING ON PAPER. IT IS CLEAR THAT BOTH THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS ARE HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME FINDING COUNTRIES TO FRONT FOR THEM AS

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SPONSORS FOR AMENDMENTS AND THAT THEY HAVE HESITATED

TO TABLE ANY OF THEIR OWN.

2. AT THE INFORMAL MEETING SEVERAL DELEGATIONS SUGGESTED THAT THE SWEDES CALL FOR A VOTE IMMEDIATELY, THAT IS, TOMORROW, DEC 1 AND FACE THE RISK OF ORAL AMENDMENTS FROM THE FLOOR RATHER THAN GIVE THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS ADDITIONAL TIME TO WORK. THE SWEDISH DELEGATE STATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE A FURTHER DISCUSSION WITHIN THE SWEDISH MISSION AND WOULD MAKE KNOWN THE SWEDISH DECISION ON HOW TO PROCEED ASAP.

3. OUR CONSULTATIONS INDICATE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN GROUP WILL SUPPORT THE SWEDISH DRAFT AS IT IS. THE EC-9 STATED THAT THEY WOULD VOTE "NO" ON THE BYELORUSSIAN DRAFT. WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO VOTE ON BOTH OF THESE RESOLUTIONS IF NECESSARY AT THE MORNING SESSION DEC 1. DEPT INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED.

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